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CLASS SPECIFICATION
SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
FORENSIC SPECIALIST

NOTE: Formerly EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION:

Under direction, to identify, collect, photograph, and preserve evidence for police investigations; perform the less complex and technical aspects of fingerprint tracing, pattern recognition, and classification for input into the CAL-ID system; and to perform related work.

*** EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Photographs evidence and crime scenes to assist in police investigations;
- Prints and develops black and white and color film;
- Locates, collects, and preserves evidence by using such techniques as photography, fingerprint dusting, various casting methods;
- Performs data entry of cartridge case data into a computerized firearms data system;
- Photographs crimes in process from a hidden vantage point;
- Develops partial or smeared latent fingerprints;
- Collects, develops and examines an enlarged photograph of a fingerprint fragment to identify "false" lines, eliminates the false lines, and traces the actual lines of the fingerprint fragment onto a plastic sheet;
- Testifies in court as a witness.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

Satisfactory completion of an Associate of Science degree or Community College Certificate in Evidence Technology; **OR** one year of experience in investigative photography and the collection, development, and preservation of physical evidence, which must include fingerprinting, blood stains, or articles of clothing. Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License.

- * EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.